



## PEQUOT LIBRARY

June 16 at 2:00 p.m. kicks off a new library tradition: Bloomsday Celebration. Across the globe, Bloomsday has become a day of celebrating renowned Irish writer and poet James Joyce. In his brilliant 1922 novel *Ulysses*, June 16 is the day Leopold Bloom meets his eventual wife, Nora Barnacle. Enjoy a conversation with Fordham University Chair of Irish Studies and Joyce scholar Keri Walsh and award-winning artist and playwright Brian Whelan.

On June 17 at 2:00 p.m. professional operatic soprano Jamie Ratcliffe leads an educational concert experience for children. Learn about opera music, stories, and motifs as Ms. Ratcliffe explains and performs selections from famous operas appropriate for all ages. Ratcliffe will be appearing this July as an emerging professional artist in the Vienna Summer Music Festival.

The library is holding a docent informational session on June 20 at 10:30 a.m. Join staff members and current volunteers to learn more about the variety of volunteer options available. Docents will be trained in how to lead tours of the history of the library building, gain skills in how to lead interactive tours for K-12 school group students, as well as the history of Southport village. Contact Adult Programs Manager Charlie McMahon via email at [mcmahon@pequotlibrary.org](mailto:mcmahon@pequotlibrary.org) for more information.

Children ages six to ten: join the library for Make and Play Your Own Musical Instrument on June 21 at 4:00 p.m. In honor of Make Music Fairfield, children will use recycled materials to create and decorate simple musical instruments, and then bring them out to the Great Lawn to make a musical masterpiece. At 6:00 p.m. Pequot Library is excited to take part in said Make Music Fairfield, a free celebration open to anyone of any age, skill level, and musical persuasion. Featured musicians include Brian Dolzani, Cosmic Error, and Ellis Island. Celebrate the summer solstice with your friends and family on the library's Great Lawn. Please bring chairs, blankets, food, and refreshments. For more information, visit [www.makemusicday.org](http://www.makemusicday.org).

Children in grades 3-5 can join the library on June 22 at 3:30 p.m. to make their own "book beautiful" in honor of the exhibition opening that evening. This zine-making workshop will teach how to plan, craft, and write your own zines that you can put out into the world for people to read. *The Book Beautiful: Selections from the Private Press Movement* opens later that day, June 22, at 6:00 p.m. The Private Press Movement was an offshoot of the Arts and Crafts Movement and flourished around the turn of the 19th century. Led by William Morris, its adherents rejected modern, mechanized book production in favor of exquisitely crafted texts and bindings produced using traditional techniques. *The Book Beautiful* explores this rich period in book design, highlighting fine examples from Pequot Library's Special Collections. The opening reception runs from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with a gallery tour led by Special Collections Librarian Cecily Dyer at 6:30 p.m.

Pequot Library also offers a number of ongoing monthly and weekly programs for children and adults, including a slew of children's summer activities such as Dungeons & Dragons and Babes on a Blanket, and adult programs like the monthly Silent Book Club or Uncovering Shakespeare: From Folio to Fiction Book Group. Check our website calendar for the complete schedule!